

JFK-panel prejudging claimed

WASHINGTON (AP) — The author of several books criticizing the official investigation of the assassination of President John Kennedy says he has evidence the Warren Commission prejudged the case.

In a book published Saturday, Harold Weisberg released a proposed outline of the Warren Commission report which he said established that "the conclusion was determined before the investigation began."

Weisberg said the outline was submitted to the commission headed by then Chief Justice Earl Warren in January 1964, before the panel began its investigation.

Weisberg said the outline included the assumption that Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin, a conclusion later reached in the commission's final report.

Several critics, including Weisberg, have disputed the commission findings that Oswald fired the fatal shots in Dallas, on Nov. 22, 1963, and that he acted alone.

At a news conference called to discuss his book, Weisberg called a "full, impartial, and open investigation" of the assassination.

The book, entitled "Post Mortem," was published privately by Weisberg, who also has published a series of books called "Whitewash," which also disputed the Warren Commission findings.

Weisberg said his latest book includes evidence he obtained by filing law suits under the Freedom of Information Act. As a result of those suits, material from Warren Commission files stored in the National Archives was turned over to the author.

Weisberg said that the commission never obtained the Kennedy death certificate for its investigation.

He also said one of the doctors who participated in the autopsy on Kennedy's body later burned his notes and a preliminary draft of the autopsy report. Weisberg called that "a major flaw in any kind

of investigation."

The commission outline published by Weisberg includes a section headed "Lee H. Oswald as the Assassin" and states "this section should state the facts which lead to the conclusion that Oswald pulled the trigger and should also indicate the elements in the case which have either not been proven or are

based on doubtful testimony."

The proposed outline recommended the report include evidence of Oswald's ownership of the rifle, his presence on the sixth floor of the Texas School Depository building, his actions after the assassination, his statements after his arrest and evidence of any accomplices.

— Private researcher

Coverup in Kennedy killing probe claimed

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A private researcher said Saturday that evidence piled loose from a reluctant government proves investigators botched the inquiry into President John F. Kennedy's assassination and then conspired to cover up their mishandling of the case.

The researcher, Harold Weisberg, offered to go before a congressional committee to establish that "a long list of people" committed perjury in an effort to make people believe Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone when he shot Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

He challenged these people — whom he did not name — to "go head to head" with him under oath so that "the truth, so long suppressed," will at last come out.

Sen. Richard S. Schweiker, who is taking a new look at the Kennedy assassination, told UPI it may be decided within a month whether to hold public hearings but it is too soon to say whether Weisberg would testify.

"The government never really intended to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and it never did," Weisberg said in his sixth book on the murder, published this week. "Indeed, there never was what reasonable men can call an inquiry, a decent pretense even of an investigation."

At a news conference called to elaborate on the book, Weisberg said the entire investigation — from moments after Kennedy was killed until publication of the

Warren Commission report nearly a year later — was "tainted by corruption and perjury."

He said the Warren Commission, appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson, merely rubber-stamped the preconceived notion of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover that Oswald was the lone assassin. He said evidence hinting otherwise was ignored, suppressed or destroyed.

Earlier, in an interview with UPI at his Frederick, Md., home, Weisberg said, "I have no idea who killed him (Kennedy). But I know Oswald could not have."

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